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Dennis McLerran

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From: *Debra Lekanoff*
Date: Friday, November 9, 2012
Subject: AWT Invitation to the November 15th Meeting with Dennis McLerran
To: Tribal Leaders

More information to come soon...

Invite: EPA Regional Administrator, Dennis McLerran has invited Washington Tribal Chairs/Council and NWIFC to an important meeting at EPA headquarters in Seattle on Thursday, November 15 at 3 pm regarding Fish Consumption Rates and Water Quality Standards.

Background: The Regional Administrator has invited Department of Ecology, Director Ted Sturdavent, to the meeting and our tribal hope is this meeting will provide a face to face with the Director on the issues of their decisions on the new process and timeline with the FCR and Water Quality Standards.

We have provided EPA Senior Tribal Advisor, Jim Woods, with all 25 letters from Washington Tribes and the NWIFC, sent to DOE Director Sturdavent. Jim will be preparing the Regional Administrator on the tribal concerns.

Potential Steps to Move Forward: We hope to have a discussion with the Regional Administrator on the potential creation of a new Governance Forum consisting of our federal trustees (EPA, NOAA, and Army Corp,) a new WA State Director of Ecology and Tribal Leaders.

We understand the process is a responsibility of the State, however, based on the past experience, we hope to share a message with EPA's Regional Administrator, as our Trustee, the need for a Change to help us move Forward in the next four years.

We believe the decision to change the FCR is our first goal and should be based on the sovereignty of these governing bodies. We are very excited to continue this potential Governance Forum with a new State Administration to adopt new Water Quality Standards as well as an implementation plan in a timely manner.

This new forum would not replace government to government consultation.

Attendees: We normally have a larger group of leaders attending, however, due to funeral services of a respected elder in Squaxin, a smaller core group has committed to attend the meeting.

Shawn Yannity, Chairman, Stillaguamish Tribe
Russ Hepfer, Vice Chair, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Glen Gobin, Secretary, Tulalip Tribes
Michael Lawrence, Vice Chair, Makah Tribe
Leonard Foresman, Chairman, Suquamish Tribe
David Trout, Natural Resource Director and NWIFC Commissioner, Nisqually Tribe
Dave Herrera, Skokomish Natural Resources and NWIFC Commissioner
Terry Williams, Tulalip Natural Resources and NWIFC Commissioner
Billy Frank Jr, Chairman, NWIFC
Mike Grayum, Executive Director, NWIFC

Other Tribes Invites
Spokane
Yakama
Colville

Please confirm your attendance.

Best

Debra

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**Meeting between EPA Region X, Tribal Leaders, and the Washington Dept. of Ecology
November 15, 2012 – 3:00 pm
EPA Regional Headquarters, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle**

Expected Participants:

Tribes

Brian Cladoosby, Chairman, Swinomish Tribe
Shawn Yannity, Chairman, Stillaguamish Tribe
Russ Hepfer, Vice Chair, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Glen Gobin, Secretary, Tulalip Tribes
Michael Lawrence, Vice Chair, Makah Tribe
Leonard Forsman, Chairman, Suquamish Tribe
David Troutt, Natural Resource Director and NWIFC Commissioner, Nisqually Tribe
Dave Herrera, Skokomish Natural Resources and NWIFC Commissioner
Terry Williams, Tulalip Natural Resources and NWIFC Commissioner
Billy Frank Jr, Chairman, NWIFC
Mike Grayum, Executive Director, NWIFC
Randy Kinley, Lummi Nation (via phone)

Environmental Protection Agency

Dennis McLerran, Regional Administrator
Dan Opalski, Director - Office of Water & Watersheds
Matthew Szelag, Water Quality Standards Specialist
Angela Chung, Water Quality Standards Unit Manager

Washington Department of Ecology

Ted Sturdevant, Director

Agenda

- I. Introductions and Opening Remarks
- II. Re-establishing a Government to Government Relationship in Developing a Fish Consumption Rate and Water Quality Standards
 - Appropriate government structure
 - Principles
 - Timelines
 - Improving working relationships
- III. Treaty Rights at Risk: Discussion between Tribal Leaders and EPA